

EXPRESS MAIL RECEIPT NO. ED681620754US  
DEPOSITED ON JUNE 30, 2005

PATENT  
DKT. OKC00705

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): David Michael Prokop

Serial No.: 10/822,286

Filed: April 12, 2004

Title: Ergonomic Handle With Thumb  
Support And A Tool Provided  
Therewith

Attorney Docket No.: OKC00705

Group Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: Mark A. Williams

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or  
(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
- under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:
  - Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or
  - a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or  
(After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)
- under 37 CFR 1.97(d) together with a:
  - Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), and
  - a \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).  
(Filed after final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee)

X Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 Information Disclosure Citation which lists patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/822,286, filed April 12, 2004 and, therefore, are not required to be provided:

U.S. Patents	108,141	5,946,762
	D119,400	6,502,314
	D186,021	D470,662
	D229,739	6,591,455
	4,380,122	D494,426
	D353,240	
	5,692,265	

Respectfully submitted,

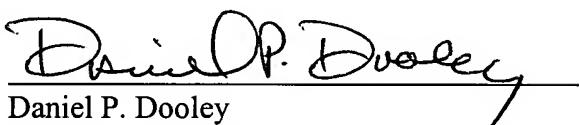
I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to:

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Express Mail Label No.: ED681620737US

Date of Deposit: June 30, 2005

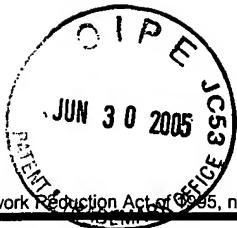
Typed Name: Tiffany Koch

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel P. Dooley  
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 46369

Date: June 30, 2005

Telephone No.: 405-232-0621

Signature: 



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p><i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p>				<p><b>Complete if Known</b></p>	
				Application Number	10/822,286
				Filing Date	April 12, 2004
				First Named Inventor	David Michael Prokop
				Art Unit	3676
				Examiner Name	Mark A. Williams
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	
OKC00705					

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

<sup>1</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>2</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>3</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>4</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>5</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>6</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>7</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

*If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.*